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Each of the references was cited by the European Patent Office in connection with examination of the corresponding EP priority application, and each reference has been cited as being of technological background. Annexed hereto is a copy of the Search Report. Applicant has no further knowledge of the subject matter of the non-English language references, other than that JP '352 references a monitoring device for support cables of a lift platform in which the end of each support cable is provided with a cable eye stiffener at which a support pin is arranged. An end member is provided at the free support pin end, wherein a compression spring is arranged between a carrier frame and the end member. When a support cable becomes slack, the support pin, together with the end member, moves downwardly relative to the carrier frame.

The movement of the end member is monitored by means of limit switches to allow a warning signal to be generated.

Respectfully submitted,

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